

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated August 30, 2007 within the shortened statutory three month period for reply. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13, 16, and 17 were pending in the application and the Examiner rejects claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13, 16, and 17. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

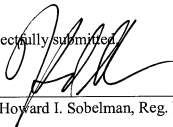
Applicants thank the Examiner for the Interview with Applicants' counsel on September 19, 2007, wherein **the Examiner confirmed that the amendments filed on July 2, 2007 overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections and satisfying the following 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections should enable the application to be allowed.**

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 3-4, 6-13, 16, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner notes that claims 1, 6, 10, and 12 each recite limitations lacking antecedent basis. Applicants amend claim 1, 6, 10, 12, 16, and 17 to provide proper antecedent basis for the recited limitations. Applicants have reviewed the remaining claims to further ensure that all limitations are properly claimed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-2814**. Applicants invite the Office to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Reply or the present application in general.

Respectfully submitted,



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